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RE: PLATTE RIVER POWER AUTHORITY TRANSMISSION LINE UPGRADE

Dear Lee:

Greystone is currently assisting the Platte River Power Authority (PRPA) in conducting environmental assessments required for upgrading two existing electric transmission lines. We are currently working on two projects, the Boyd-Valley 115 kV Upgrade project in Loveland and the Fort Collins Area 115/230kV Additions, Rebuild, and Upgrade project. For these projects, we would like to request specific information regarding threatened and endangered wildlife and plant species that may occur within the project areas. For the Boyd-Valley project we request information in the following areas near Loveland, Colorado:

Larimer County: Township 5N Range 68W, Section 19; Township 5N Range 69W, Sections 23 and 24

For the Fort Collins Area 115/230kV Additions, Rebuild, and Upgrade project we request information in the following areas in and north of Fort Collins:

Larimer County: Township 7N Range 68W; Township 7N Range 69W; Township 8N Range 68W; Township 8N Range 69W; Township 9N Range 69W; Township 10N Range 68W; Township 10N Range 69W; Township 11N Range 69W

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We are also interested in any critical or important habitats or vegetation communities that may occur within these areas. The following provides a brief description of the projects.

For the Boyd-Valley project, PRPA proposes to replace the existing single circuit 115kV transmission line that is supported by two-pole wood H-frame structures with a double circuit 115kV single steel pole structure with slightly larger wires. The Fort Collins Area project involves adding a second electrical circuit, consisting of three conductors and a static wire, to an existing single steel pole line and replacing approximately two miles of existing single circuit 115kV transmission line that is supported by two-pole wood H-frame structures with a double circuit 230kV transmission line on single steel pole structures.

Also, we would like to receive any additional comments or concerns the Service has related to the proposed project. If you have any questions, concerns, or require additional information please feel free to contact me at (303) 850-0930.

Sincerely,



Thomas Ryon
Staff Biologist